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the Mass Society has got hold of many diff<sup>t</sup> subjects. My query is, how shall I get along with these things? A full answer to their inquiries will be very acceptable to me.

Confidential. *Russell writes to Garrison*  
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That I feel some difficulties in my mind with regard to working for your Society (Mass) at the present, I hesitate not frankly to acknowledge. I cannot for conscience sake, adopt the views of "P. C. W." on certain subjects. I do not agree with Friend Garrison on the subject of the Sabbath etc, although I esteem him highly as a brother in the cause of bleeding humanity. I likewise have my doubts as to the propriety of woman's taking too prominent a part in public debates - I also feel that the remarks made concerning the Ministry, is calculated to bring it into disrepute, & injure the cause of religion. I profess to, and hope I do, hold the principles of the "puritans". I love the Sabbath & the means of reconciliation which God has appointed, the Gospel Ministry - I believe in the importance of human governments & their being sustained. I believe that "he that sheddeth man's blood" forfeits his life for the security of the community, & that God intended this Law should only be abrogated & annulled, at such time as there should need or restraint over the passions of sinful men from such sources. Now, dear brother, if I am to be yoked with all these things, if I take hold to aid your Society, I say, Nay - I cannot go - if you can show me that I can preserve my destiny in the work, I consent. Yours, in the Lord Jesus & with the ardent desire to obey His word,  
Geo. Russell